

# NATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE

Solar Electric Generating System for Nevada

## ***ELDORADO SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM***

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## Discussion topics

- Solargenix Energy LLC (SGE), the Company
- SGE technology of choice
- Brief history of PT
- Simple schematic
- Nevada – Eldorado SEGS Project status
- Arizona – Red Rock Saguaro solar power plant
- Concluding remarks

# **Solargenix Energy, LLC**

**Corporate Headquarters: Raleigh, NC**

## **Branch Offices**

**Sanford, North Carolina**

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Newport Beach, California**

## **Manufacturing**

**Chicago, Illinois**

## **Engineering and RD&D branches**

**California, Colorado, Europe**



# **Solargenix Energy initiative for the development of An advanced Concentrating Solar Power Plant in Boulder City – Nevada**



**SOLARGENIX ENERGY**

# THE PARABOLIC TROUGH TECHNOLOGY



Solargenix Energy  
technology of  
choice for the  
Nevada Solar  
project





# *Renewable Energy*

## *With Proven Solar Thermal Electric Technology*

*With the first CSP project under construction since 1991, and a large utility-scale solar plant in advanced development phase, Solargenix is the leading developer of CSP in the USA.*

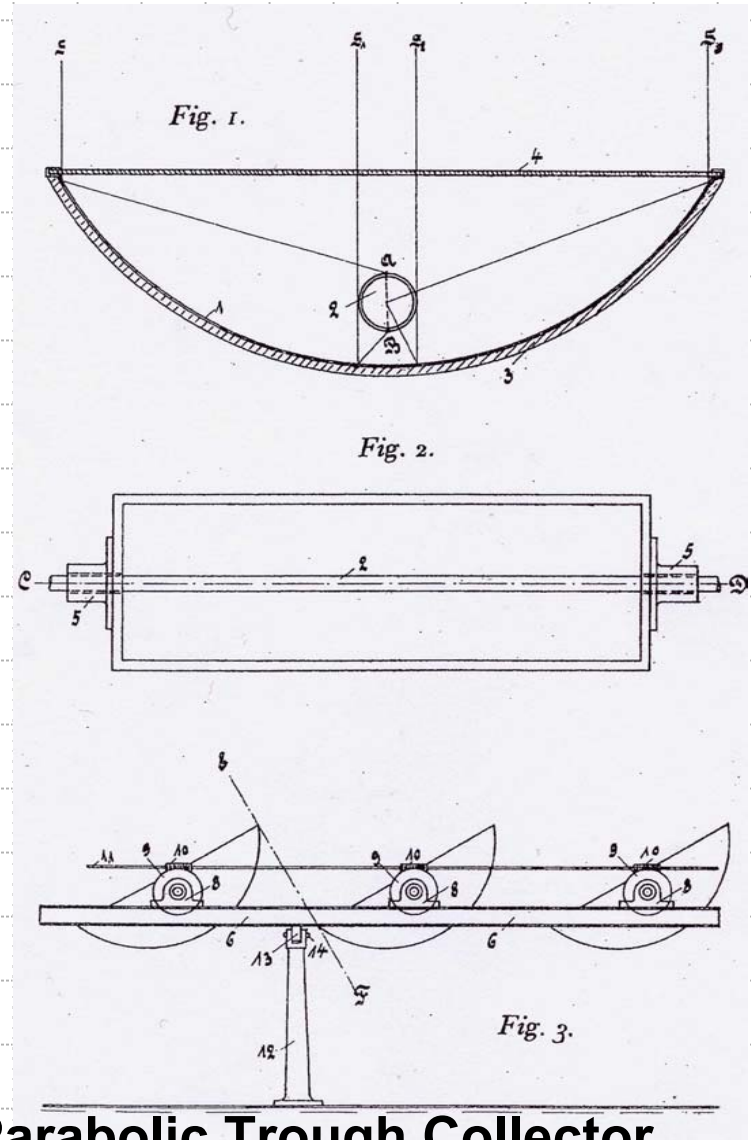




# Evolution of the technology



September 1, 1907



**Parabolic Trough Collector**

**SOLARGENIX ENERGY**



**1912: 55 kW  
by Shuman in Egypt**



**September 1, 1907**

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PATENTAMT.

**PATENTSCHRIFT**

— № 231294 —

KLASSE 42<sup>i</sup>. GRUPPE 18.

DR. WILHELM MAIER IN AALEN  
UND ADOLF REMSHARDT IN STUTTGART.

Vorrichtung zur unmittelbaren Verwendung der Sonnenwärme zur Dampferzeugung.

Patentiert im Deutschen Reiche vom 1. September 1907 ab.

AUSGEBEN DEN 18. FEBRUAR 1911.

**Kramer Junction 1988**

**LUZ - LS3**

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**Cohen et al.**

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 6,668,820 B2**  
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Dec. 30, 2003**

(54) **MULTIPLE REFLECTOR SOLAR  
CONCENTRATORS AND SYSTEMS**

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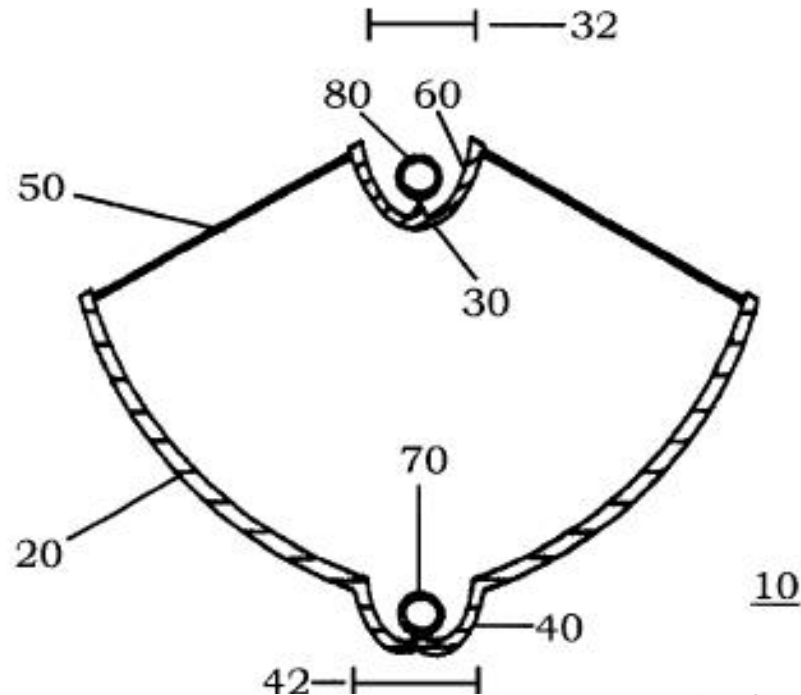
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to multiple reflector light or

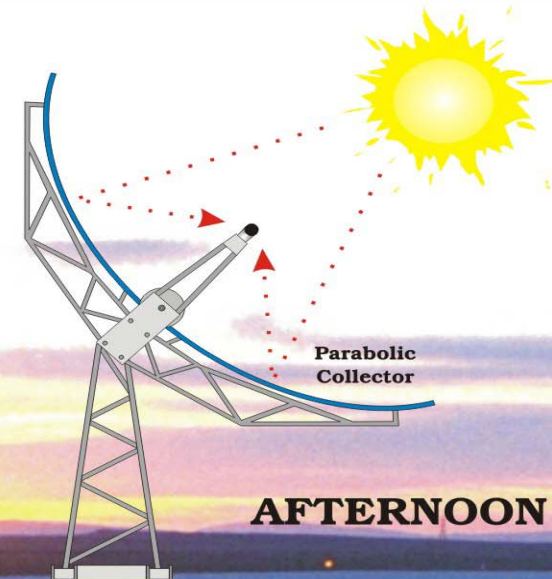
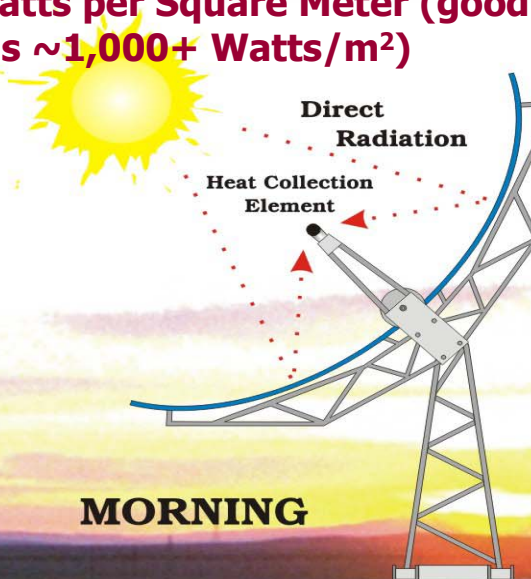
***SGE NEW  
CONCEPT***



# SIMPLE SCHEMATIC OF PARABOLIC TROUGH OPERATION (North-South Axis)

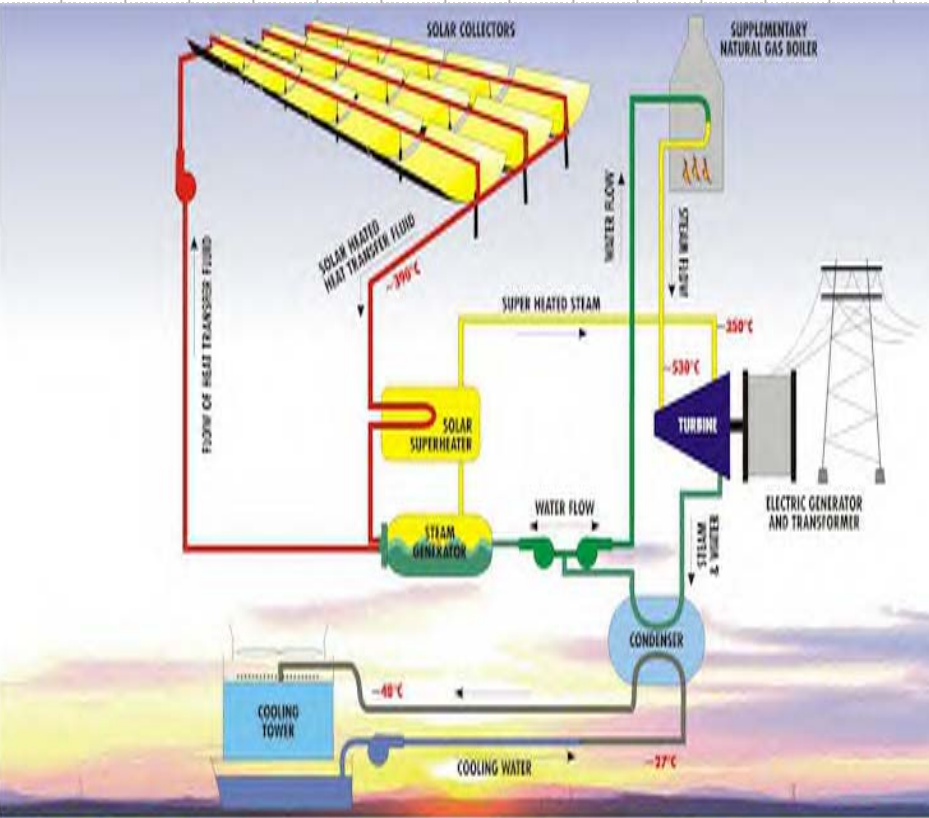
- The SEGS utilize Parabolic Trough Collectors which is a Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) Technology
- CSP Technologies utilize Direct Normal Radiation (DNR) which is measured in terms of Watts per Square Meter (good sunlight yields  $\sim 1,000+$  Watts/m<sup>2</sup>)

Concentration Ratio	
Solargenix	71:1 (71 Suns)





# Simple schematic of a typical SEGS power plant



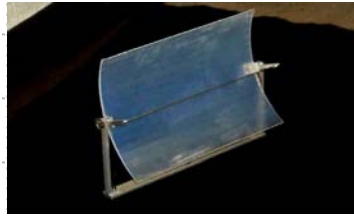
## SOLAR FIELD

65 MW solar field – 25 Minutes Storage –

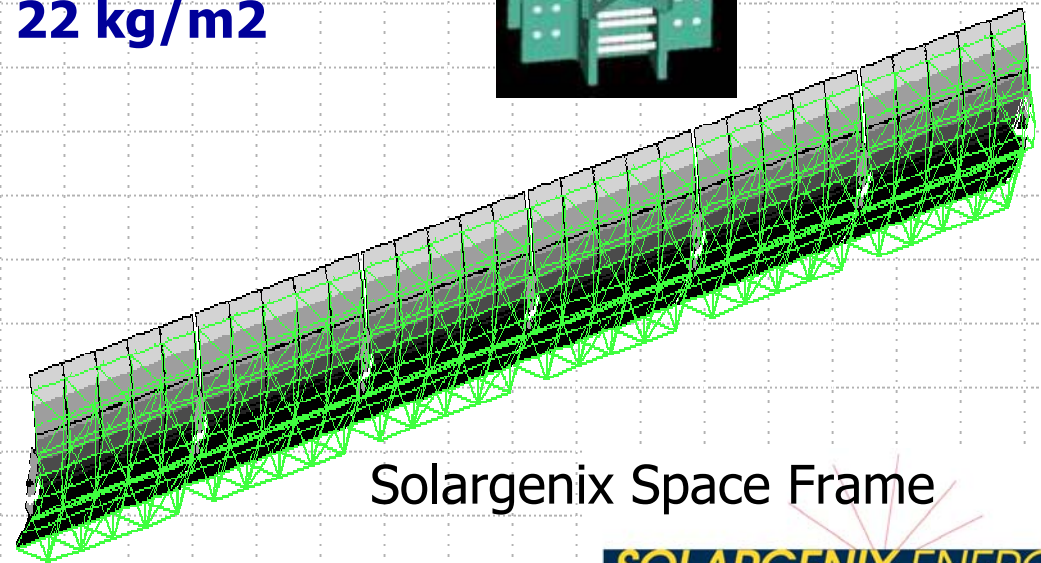
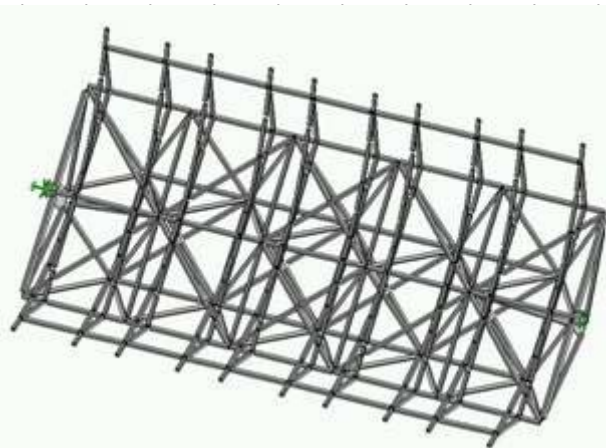
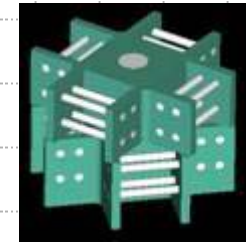
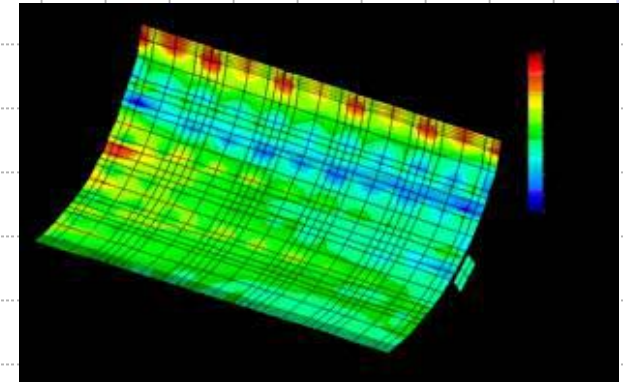
<b>Solar Collector Assemblies:</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Aperture Area (m<sup>2</sup>/Sq.ft):</b>	<b>5.0 / 59</b>
<b>Length (m/ft):</b>	<b>100/328</b>
<b>Concentration Ratio:</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Optical Efficiency:</b>	<b>0.77</b>
<b># of Mirror Segments:</b>	<b>157440</b>
<b># of receiver tubes</b>	<b>15360</b>
<b>Field Aperture (m<sup>2</sup>):</b>	<b>300,320</b>
<b>Site area (Km<sup>2</sup>/acres):</b>	<b>1.40/350</b>
<b>Field Inlet Temp.(°C/°F):</b>	<b>350/662</b>
<b>Field Outlet Temp. (°C/F°):</b>	<b>395/743</b>

The solar thermal industry and especially the Concentrating Solar Power industry are being developed worldwide in a rapid pace, this should attract more large manufacturers to consider the production of solar field components at attractive costs.

# Solargenix Advanced Parabolic Trough



- Increased Rigidity via Interlinking
- No Site Cutting or Welding
- No Jig Necessary for Assembly
- Components Easier to Handle and Ship
- Weight Incl. Mirrors  $\sim 22 \text{ kg/m}^2$
- Length : 100 meters



Solargenix Space Frame

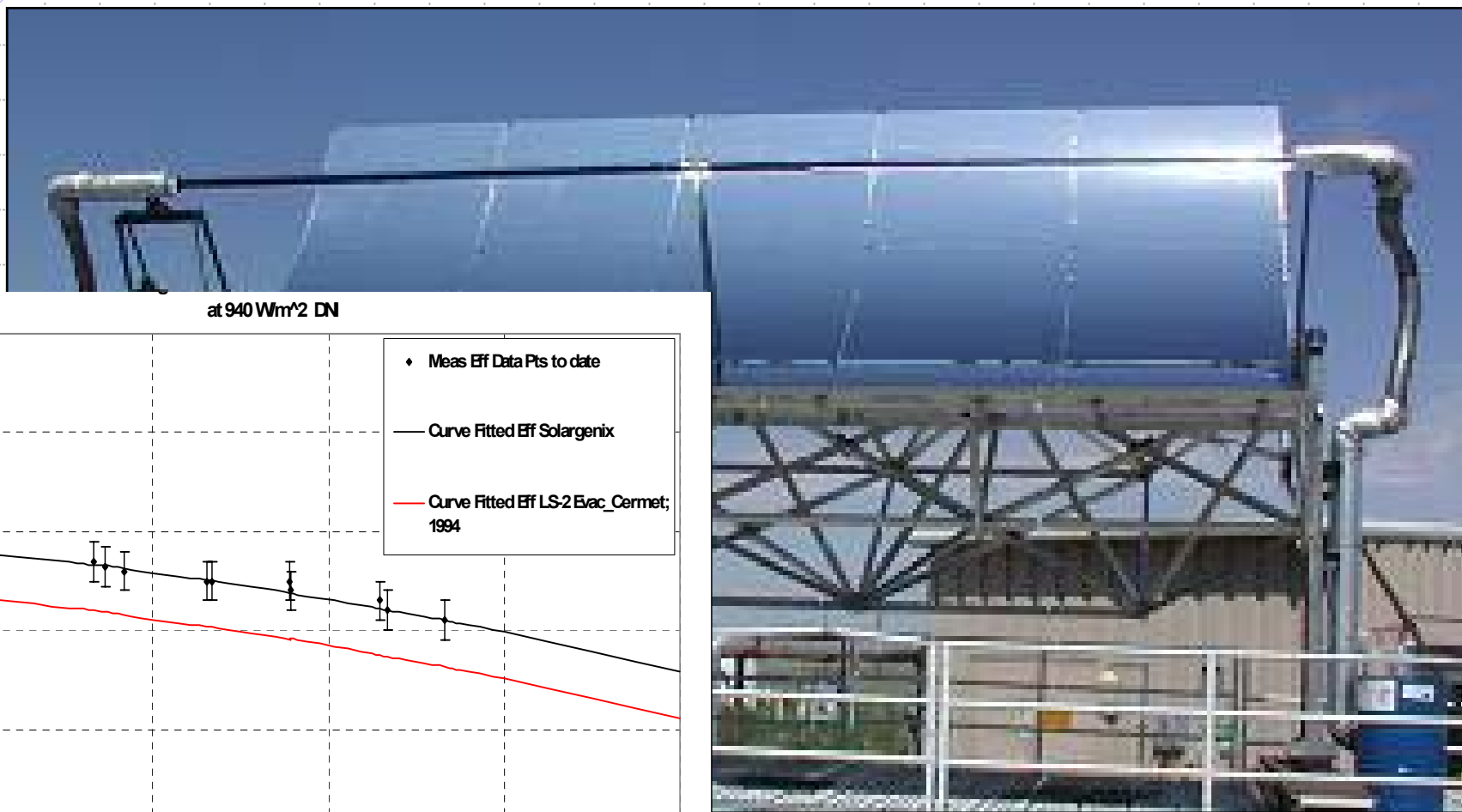


# Preliminary Test Results: Solargenix Prototype Collector

Tested in Albuquerque - NM



Sandia National Laboratories



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# POWER BLOCK

<b>Turbine Generator Gross Output</b>	<b>55 MWe</b>
<b>Net Output to Utility</b>	<b>50 MWe</b>

## **Solar Steam Conditions**

<b>Inlet Pressure</b>	<b>102 bars/1480 psi</b>
<b>Reheat Pressure</b>	<b>17.5 bars/254 psi</b>
<b>Inlet Temperature</b>	<b>371 Deg.C / 700 Deg.F</b>

## **OPTION ( NOT CONSIDERED IN BOULDER CITY)**

### **Gas Mode Steam Conditions**

<b>Inlet Pressure</b>	<b>102 bars/ 1480 psi</b>
<b>Reheat Pressure</b>	<b>17.5 bars / 254 psi</b>
<b>Inlet Temperature</b>	<b>510 Deg.C / 950 Deg.F</b>

The market for conventional power plants today is very competitive, leading to many sources for components at attractive costs





# SCHOTT

## Supplier of the Heat Collection Element (HCE)

More than 200  
prototypes installed  
at Kramer Junction  
in the last two years

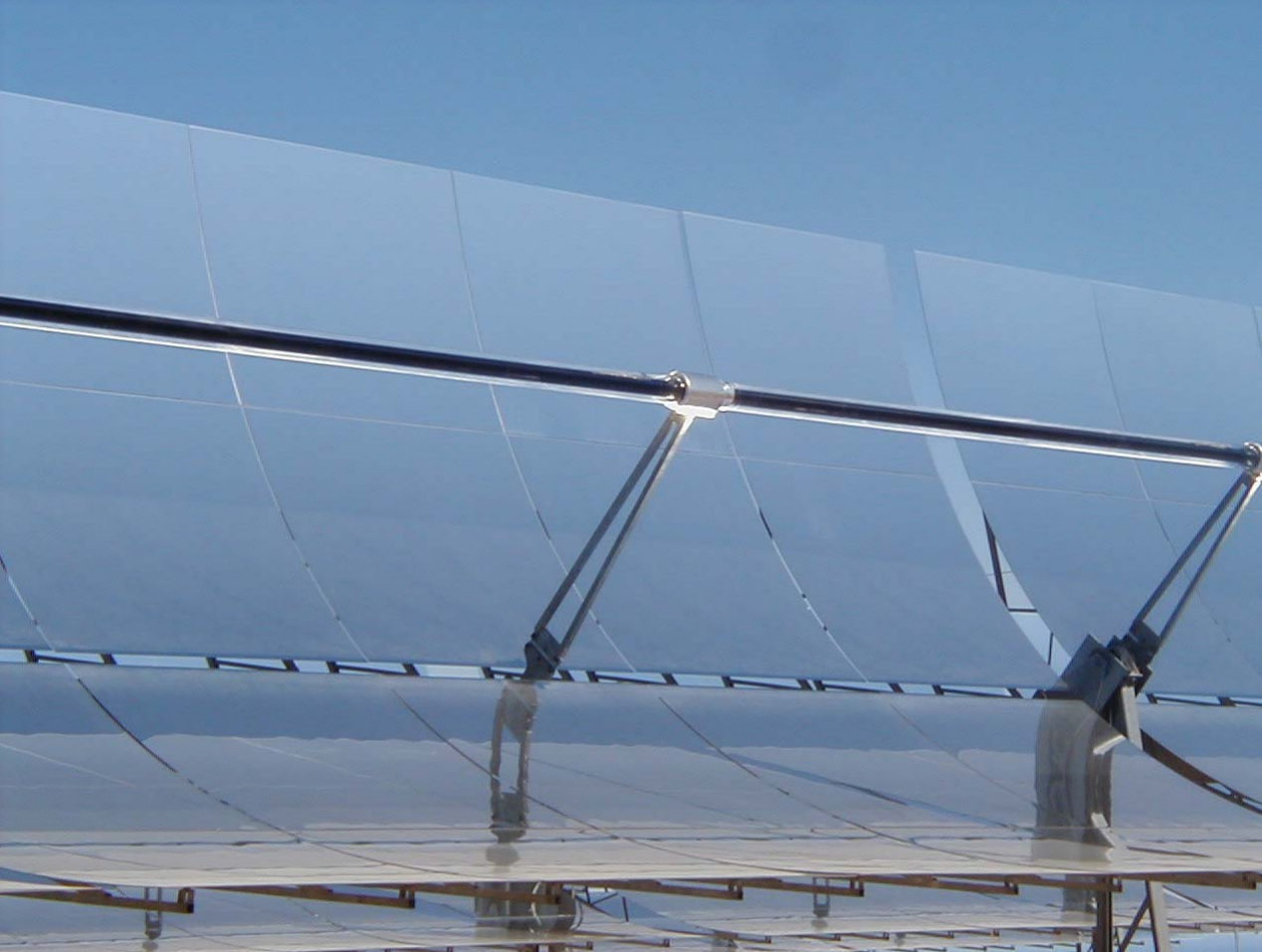
No degradation or  
breakage reported



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## Corporate Structure

Strategic Business Units (SBU)					
SBU	O	H	E	P	S
	Advanced Optical Materials and Components	Home Tech	Electronics	Pharmaceutical Systems	Solar
					
Business Segments (BS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Optics for Devices</li> <li>→ Ophthalmics</li> <li>→ Special Flat Glass</li> <li>→ Microlithography</li> <li>→ Lighting Components</li> <li>→ Digital Projection</li> <li>→ Advanced Coated Components</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ White Goods</li> <li>→ Food Display</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Electronic Packaging</li> <li>→ Fiber Optics</li> <li>→ Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)</li> <li>→ Flat Panel Display (FPD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Pharmaceutical Packaging</li> <li>→ Tubing</li> <li>→ Labware</li> <li>→ Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Photovoltaics</li> <li>→ Solarthermal</li> <li>→ Gas Burner Systems</li> </ul>



## REFLECTOR PANELS

- Proven Durability
- Excellent Reflectivity
- Easy to install







Flabeg GmbH & Co. KG is a company specialized on production of glass products like automotive and decorative mirrors, glass for solar applications and architectural products. The company with world-wide activities is located in Fürth, Germany. It is well known for the production and delivery of more than 2.000.000 m<sup>2</sup> of mirror surface for all nine existing SEGS-plants built in California.

## **Supplier of Mirrors for the Solar Field**



## PROJECT STATUS

Long term Power Purchase Agreement signed with Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific

Long term lease agreement signed with the City of Boulder City, at the Eldorado Valley - Nevada

Long term Water service contract signed with the City of Boulder City

Development agreement signed with the City of Boulder City

## PROJECT STATUS (Continued)

Interconnection study – Phase 1 completed

Project design in final stages

Financial team selected and in due diligence phase

EPC selection in progress – Decision must be made soon

Permitting process in progress

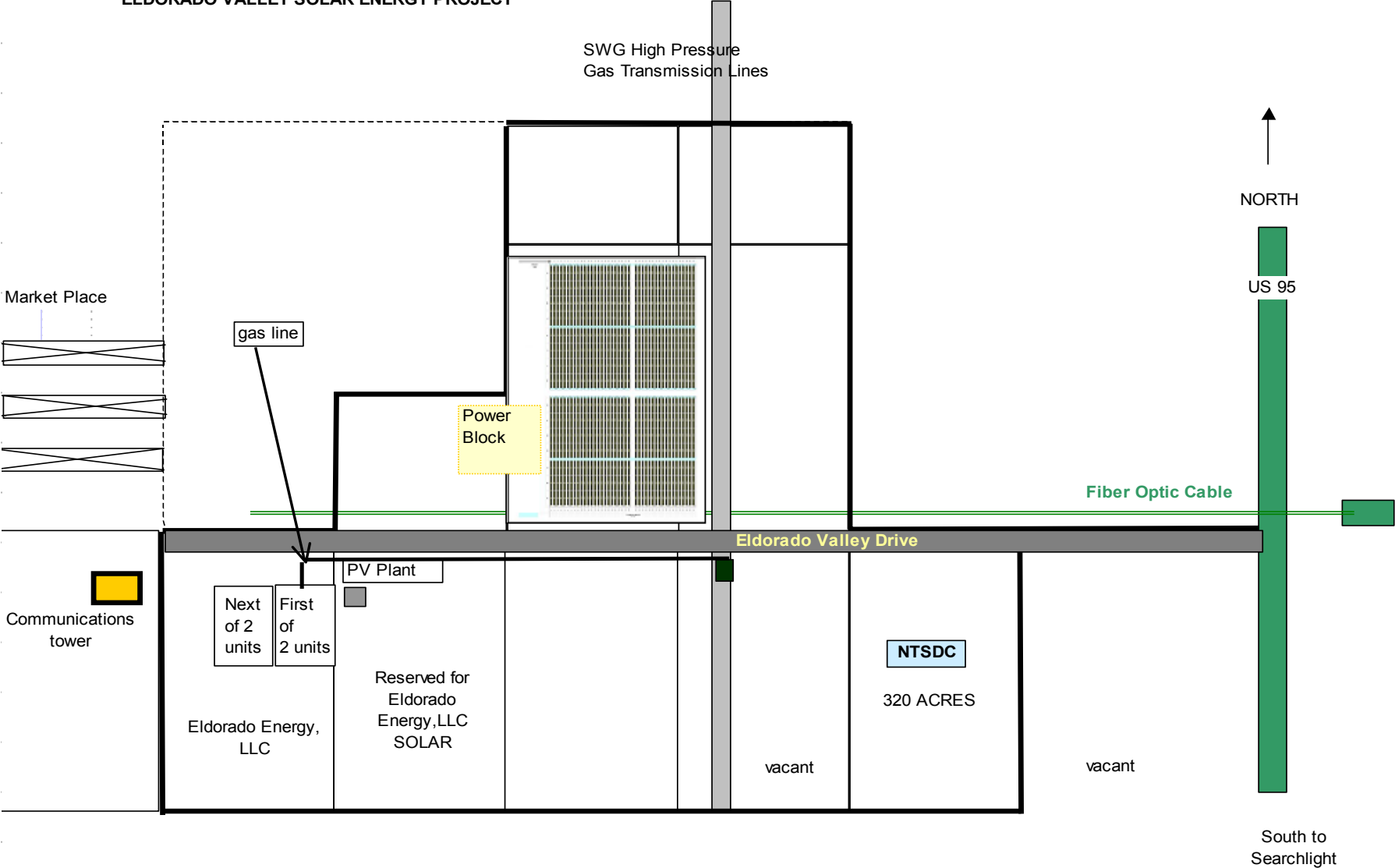




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# PROJECT LOCATION

## ELDORADO VALLEY SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT





**GOVERNOR**  
**KENNY C. GUINN**  
**STATE OF NEVADA**



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**GOV. GUINN ANNOUNCES FINANCING TO ENSURE COMPLETION OF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

CARSON CITY – Gov. Kenny Guinn announced today that representatives from the Governor's Office, renewable developers, the state's two investor-owned utilities, the State Consumer Advocate and the staff of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) agreed on regulatory and legislative proposals that meet Nevada's strict renewable energy portfolio standard.

"We are accomplishing two things today," Gov. Guinn said. "We are proposing changes that will give investors in Nevada renewable projects additional reasonable guarantees that they will receive a fair return on their investments. We are also giving our utilities a chance to use more renewable energy, sooner."

The proposals are outlined in three documents filed today with the PUC. They are: a petition asking that a rulemaking docket be opened, draft changes to the PUC's regulations and draft changes to Nevada's Revised Statutes. Gov. Guinn has agreed to file the draft statutory changes with the Legislative Commission or the Legislature at the time the PUC files its adopted regulation. The filings are expected to occur in early September. Proposed regulatory changes give the PUC the authority to create a "Temporary Renewable Energy Development" (TRED) trust that receives renewable energy payments from the utilities' rate payers, and makes scheduled payments to renewable developers for energy delivered to utilities. New PUC authority also allows separation of such revenues from other payments made to utilities so that they are not "commingled" with general revenues. These steps are necessary because investors who should provide the capital for renewable projects are concerned that impaired credit status of the two utilities might interfere with the repayment schedules. Statutory changes, if approved by the Legislature, provide protections for the TRED trust similar to those granted to selected utility contracts and certain state revenue bonds, and would prevent a future PUC from countermending a PUC Resource Plan order that determined a project was in the public interest and prudent.

"This effort involved the joint commitment of some individuals and organizations that usually have no need to work together," said Richard Burdette, Gov. Guinn's energy advisor. "Nevada's renewable energy development was interrupted by financial events of 2002, but will be put back on track by this initiative."

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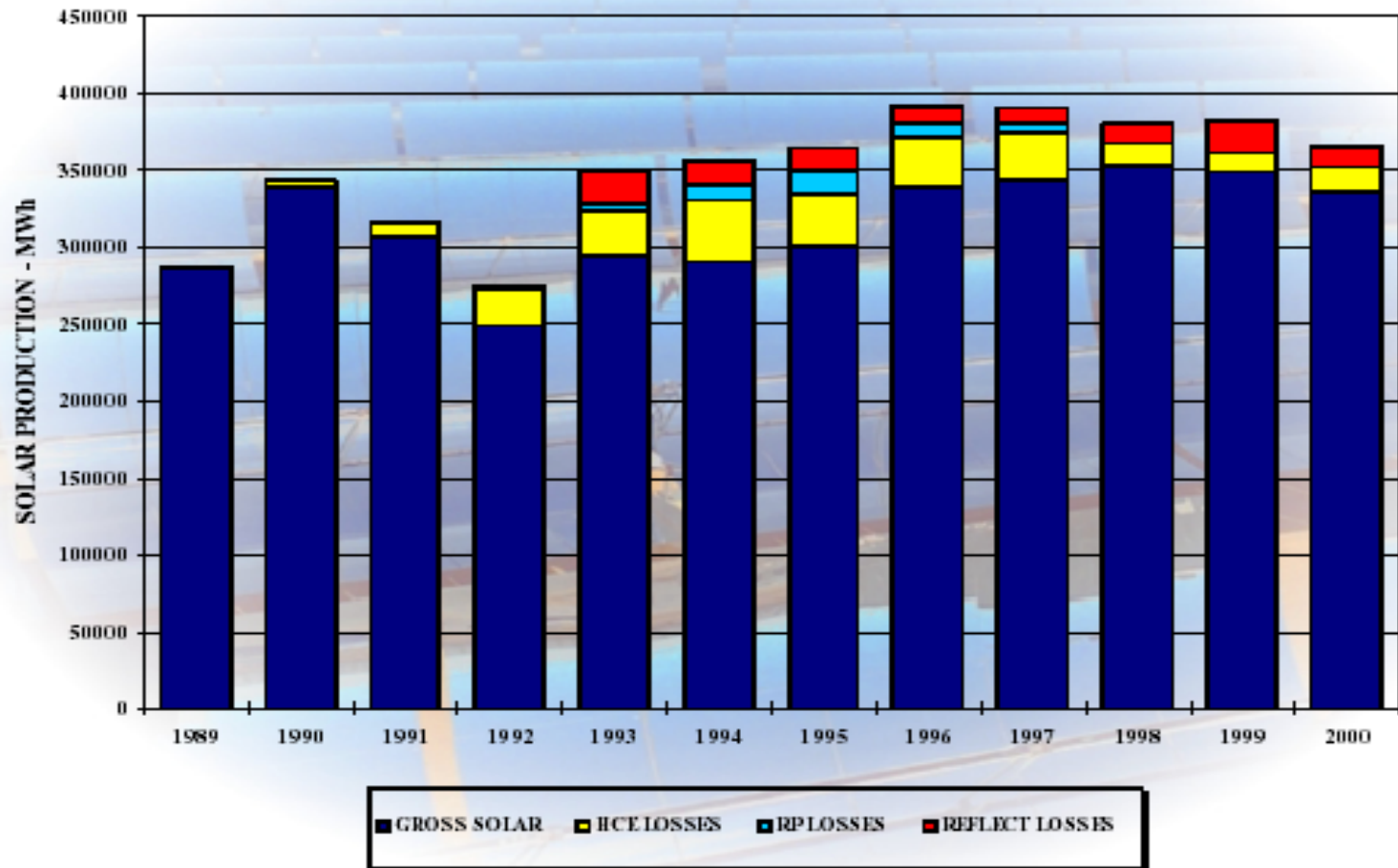
Why this project is feasible?

# Reliability of Solar Field

## Because : Past experience shows:

- Evidence of longevity
- Satisfactory performance of existing plants

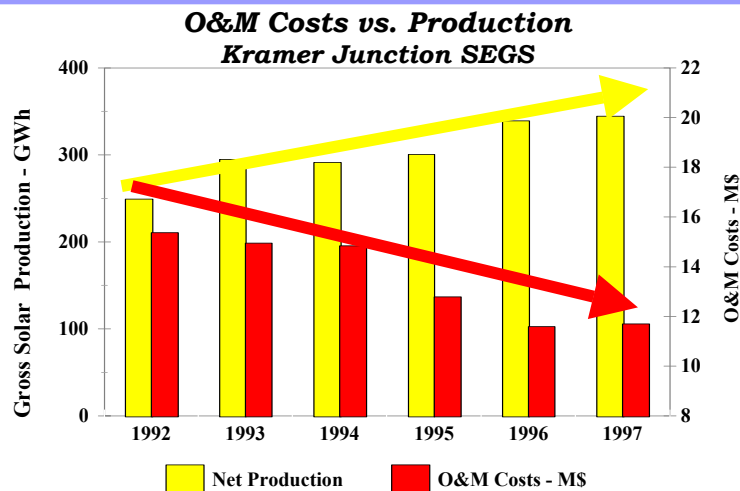
Gross Solar Production  
SEGS III-VII



# Operation and Maintenance

O&M will be done under long term contract by qualified Solargenix operators with substantial experience in that field.

- O&M contract may provide variable payment rates depending on plant output.
- One Operating Company for several projects.



*Efficient tooling and procedures have been developed for O&M*

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# Reliable prediction of solar radiation levels

- Although Solar radiation varies from year to year, the US has an excellent track record of solar radiation measurement.
- Sophisticated and unique output performance models have been developed, proved and validated during the past 10 years.
- Financial sensitivity analysis assume lower insolation levels.

# SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEMS

## SOME NEAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Solargenix 1 MW project in Arizona.
- 1000 MW Initiative for CSP in the Southwest of the USA.
- Western Governors Associations commitment to the deployment of 30,000 MW of renewable energies by 2015.
- 5000 Mw Global Market Initiative (GMI) adopted at the World energy summit last month in Bonn (Germany).
- Solargenix strategic alliances in Australia, Mexico and Spain etc...
- Renewable Solar Portfolios.

ARIZONA





# MODULAR DISTRIBUTED SOLAR TROUGH POWER PLANT



Robert Cable  
Solargenix

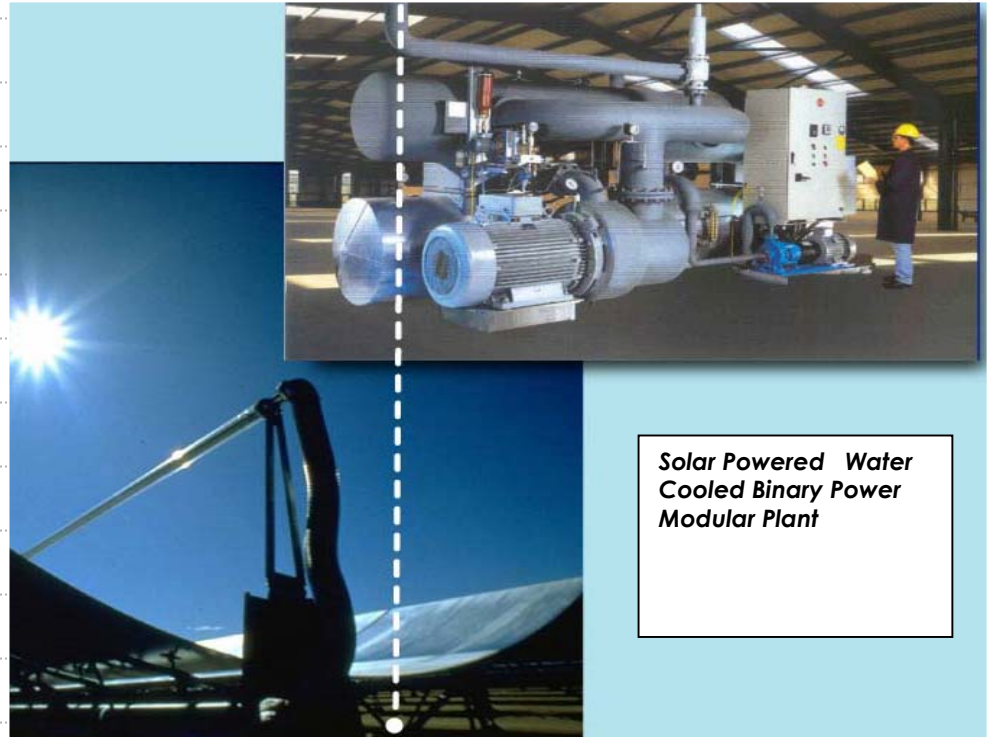
Scott Canada  
**APS**  
*The power to make it happen.*

Gilbert Cohen  
Solargenix

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# APS 1 MWe Project Introduction

- Project Team
- Plant Performance
- Plant Layout
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Schedule



# Project Team

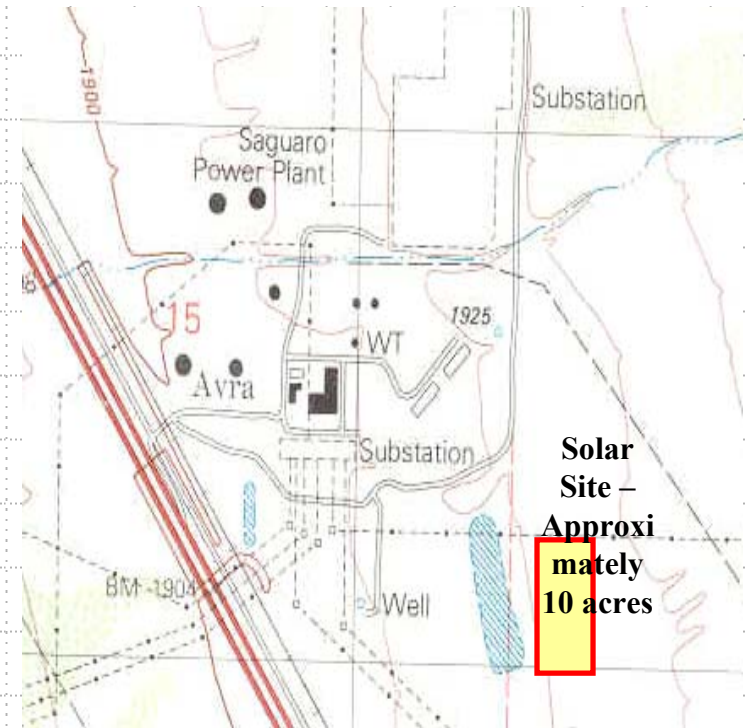
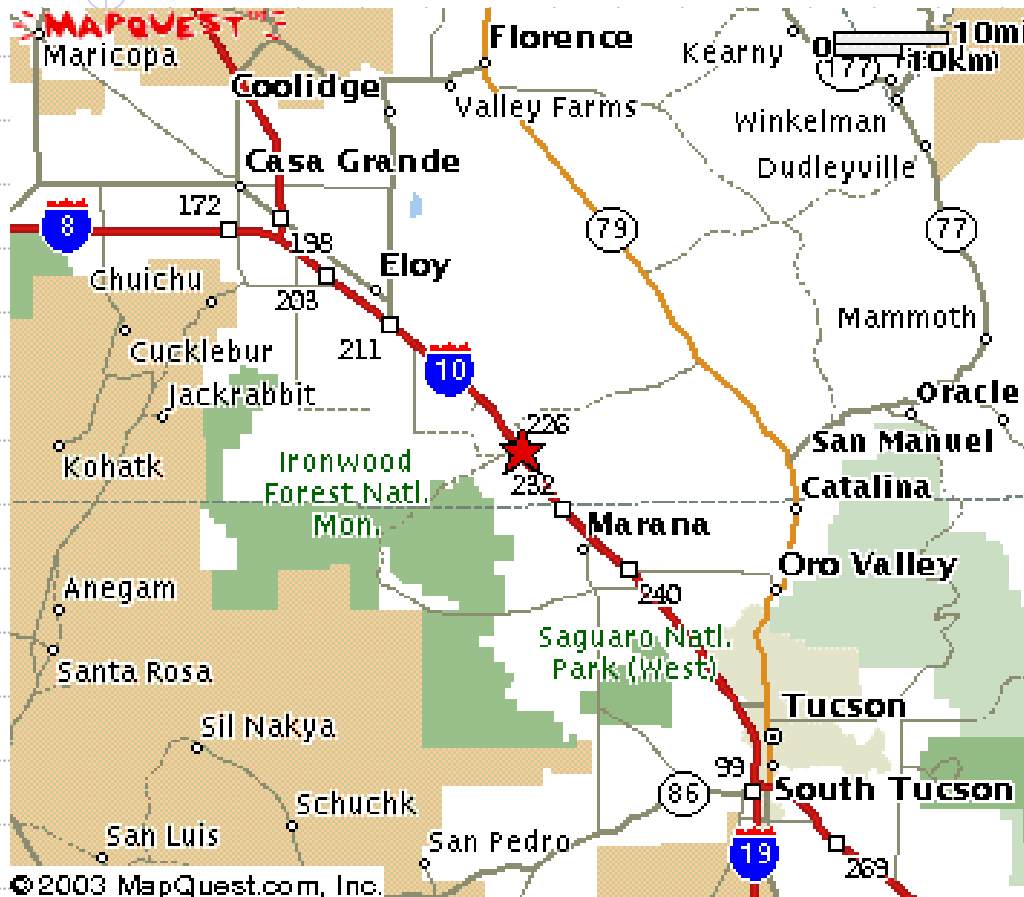
- Strong Project Team for Integration of two proven technologies.
  - ORMAT - OEC system.
  - Solargenix - Solar system and Solar Field.
  - APS – General Site Conditions, Oversight, and Utilities.



**ORMAT**®



# Project Location

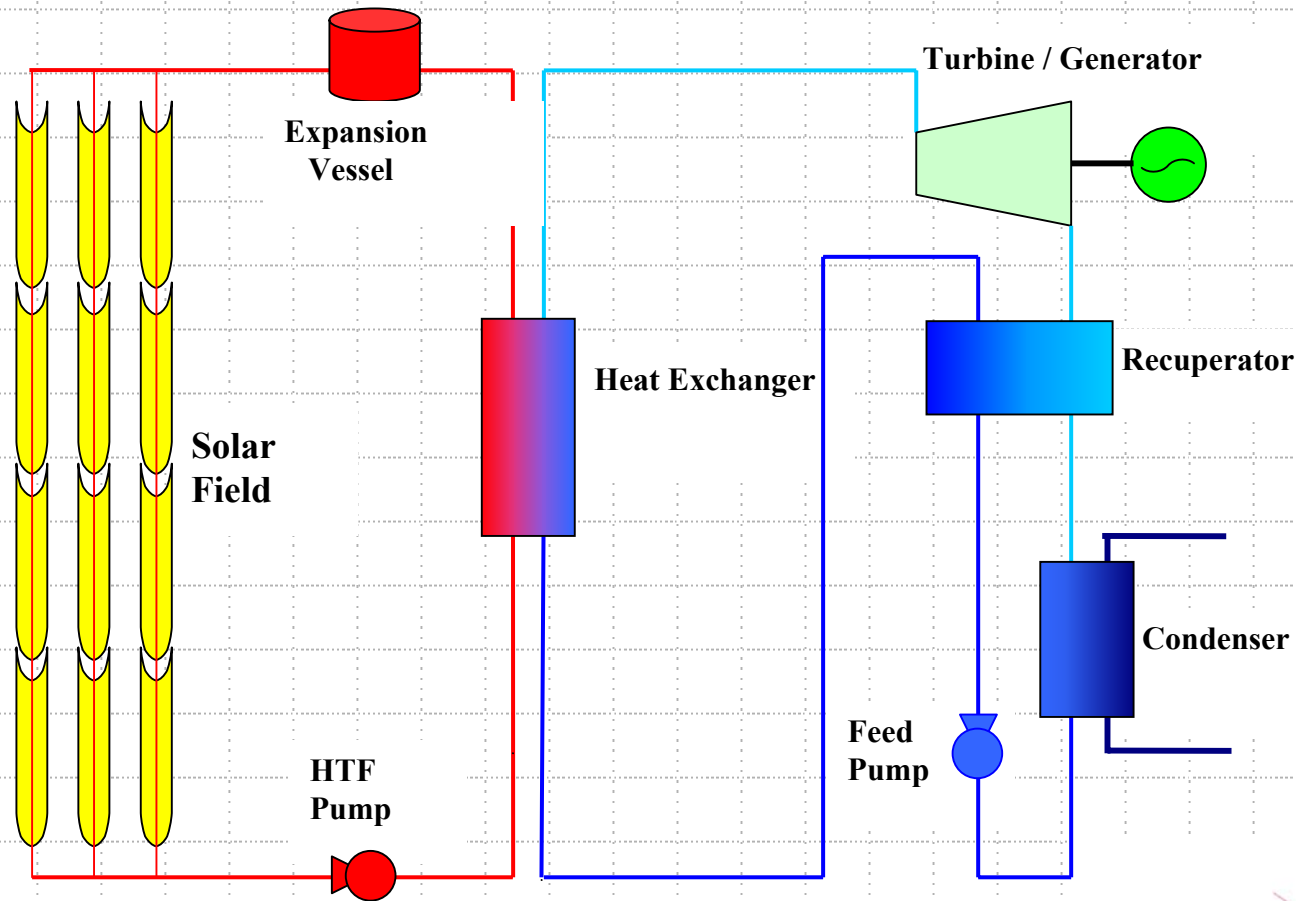


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Saguaro Power plant is approximately one hour south and east of Phoenix, AZ on I-10.



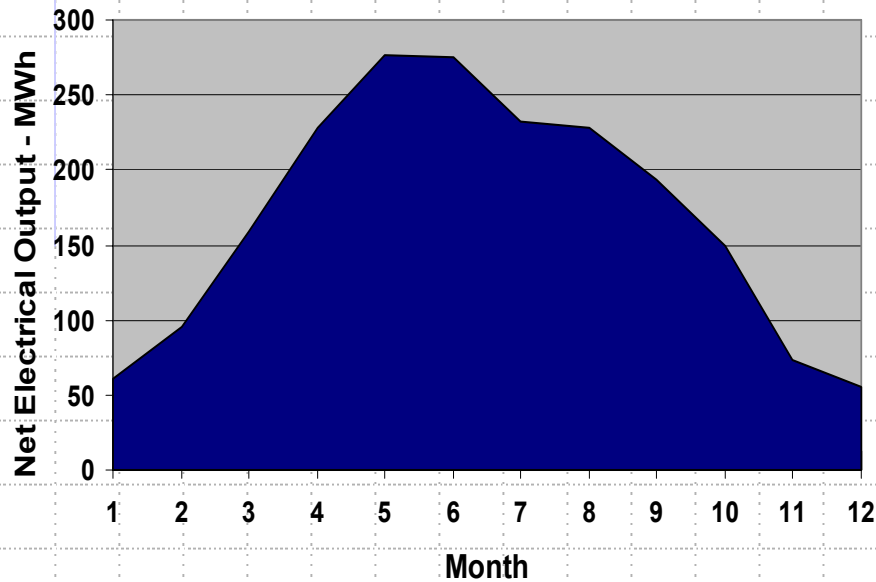
# Schematic of 1MW Solar Trough Power Plant



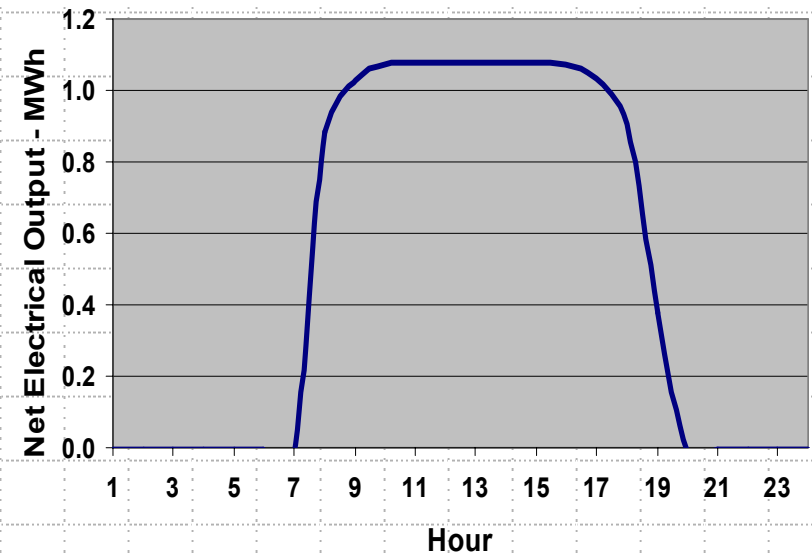
# Performance Assumptions

- 2000 MWhr Generated Annually
- \$0.0291/kWh Annual O&M Expenses
- 95% plant availability (>1 SCA's o/s)
- 10,346 square meters of aperture (~22 SCA's)
- 86.5% spectral reflectivity (92.5 cleanliness)
- Evacuated receivers (HCE's)

## Monthly Solar Output 1 MW ORC

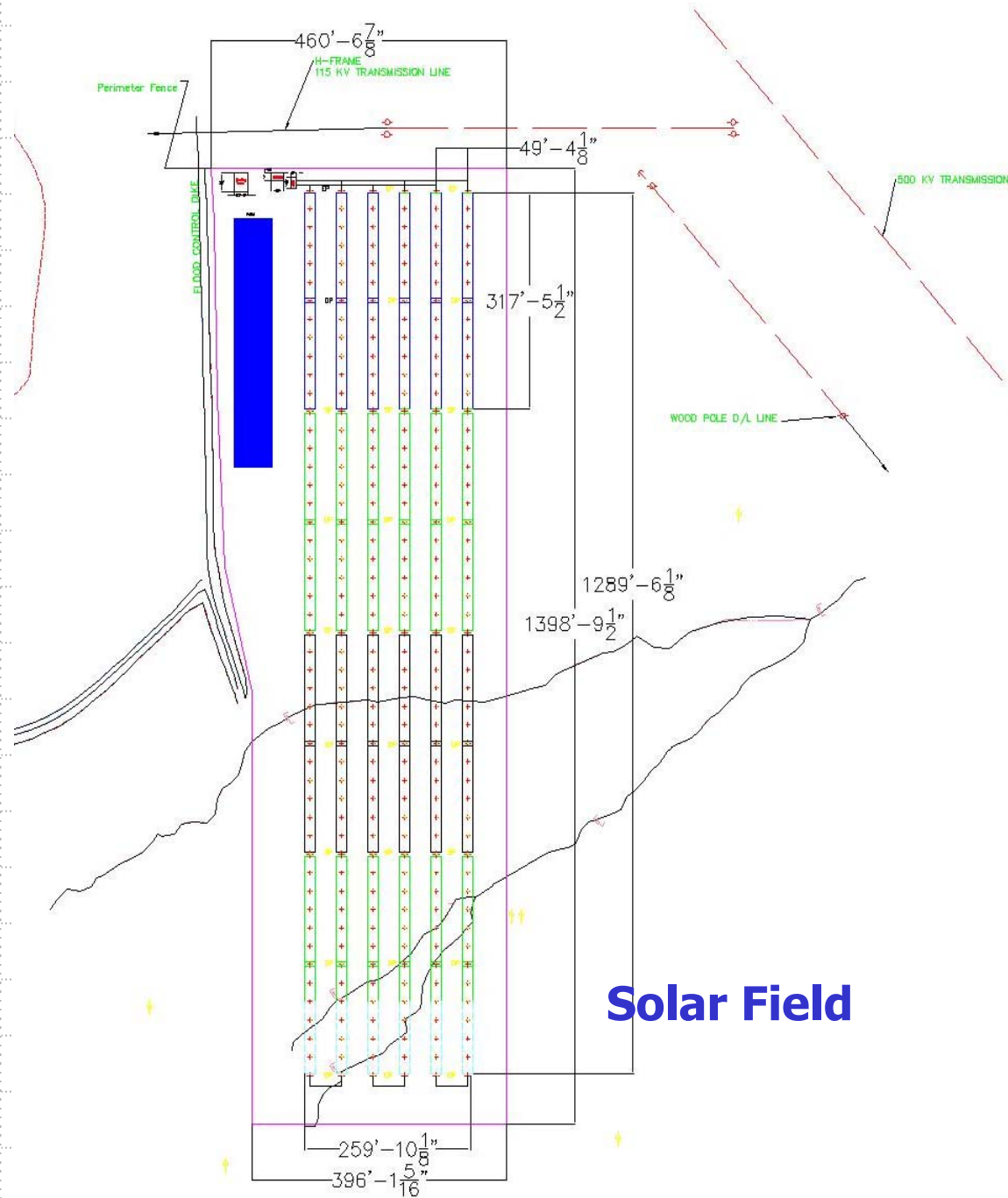
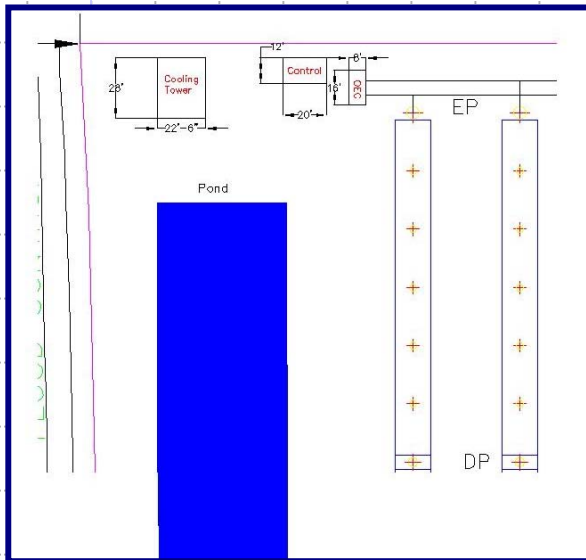


## Peak Day Solar Output Profile 1 MW ORC



# Preliminary Site Layout

## Power Block



## Solar Field



# Power Plant Operation

- Unattended startup and operation
  - Optimal parameters developed during 6 month startup period
  - Constant HTF flow
  - Design SF temperatures: Cold 250F; Hot 580F
  - Safety Parameters – high wind, low flow, over temp
- Remote monitoring and control
  - Integrate Field Control System & OEC control systems
  - Daily/Customized reports



# Solar Field Maintenance

- Reflectors – 0.3% breakage/year.
  - Replace each month.
- HCE's – 1.5% failure rate.
  - Replace in winter. Coincide with outages when possible.
  - One loop o/s at a time.
- Reflectivity maintenance.
  - 1 entire field per/week in summer.
  - No washing in winter.
- Other Solar System maintenance.
  - Valve packing.
  - HTF pump vibration analysis.
  - Electronic maintenance.



Groundbreaking of first CSP plant in the US since 1991- Red Rocks Arizona – March 24, 2004





# Saguaro 1MW solar project – Red Rock Arizona

JUNE 2004



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*In addition to generating electricity for APS' customers, the solar trough plant will help APS meet the goals of the Arizona Corporation Commission's Environmental Portfolio Standard, which requires APS to generate 1.1 percent of its energy through renewable sources – 60 percent through solar – by 2007.*



*The Saguaro Power Plant located in Red Rock, Arizona will be the location, of a first of its kind, solar thermal electric power plant. By combining two proven existing technologies together a unique system has been designed. Solargenix will provide and design the solar technology similar in design to that deployed at the combined, 354 MWe SEGS plants in California.*

Start-up: January 2005

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# Wrap Up

- Strong/Proven Team.
  - Solargenix Energy /ORMAT/APS are strong leaders in their respective fields.
- Performance goals/targets very realistic and achievable.
- Project could be used later incorporating Alternate Fuels or Solar Storage.
- ***ANOTHER EXCELLENT SOLAR ELECTRIC PROJECT! Thank you.***

# ***Changing the way we look at Solar Energy***

